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TAGS: MMOL, YO, US

SUBJECT: REPORTED US OVERFLIGHTS OF YUGOSLAV TERRITORY

REF : BELGRADE 8411

1. AMBASSADOR BELOVSKI ON INSTRUCTIONS CALLED ON UNDER
SECRETARY HABIB AT 3:30 P.M. NOVEMBER 27. HE SAID HE
WAS ASKED TO REAFFIRM THE PROTEST MADE TO AMBASSADOR
EAGLEBURGER AND TO ASK FOR A PRECISE EXPLANATION FOR THE
MOTIVES FOR THE INTRUSION. HE STRESSED THAT BELGRADE'S
USE OF THE WORD "PRELIMINARY" SIGNIFIED THAT GOY ACTION
HAD NOT REACHED THE HIGHEST LEVELS. AMBASSADOR EMPHASIZED
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THAT THE INCIDENT HAD TOUCHED THE "NERVES" OF YUGOSLAVIA
SO IT WILL BE NO SURPRISE THAT THE FUTURE RELATIONS
BETWEEN YUGOSLAVIA AND THE US COULD BE CALLED INTO
QUESTION. HE NOTED THAT US AIRCRAFT WERE WARNED BY RADIO
THAT THEY WERE INTRUDING AND THAT YUGOSLAV PURSUIT PLANES
WENT UP TO WARN OFF US PLANES AND WERE CAREFUL TO
A FURTHER INCIDENT.

2. UNDERSECRETARY ASKED BELO SKI TO INFORM GOY OF THE FOLLOWING:

A. ALL OPERATIONS HAVE BEEN STOOD DOWN AND THERE ARE NO CONTINUING OPERATIONS.

B. FROM THE MOMENT WE RECEIVED AMBASSADOR EAGLEBURGER'S MESSAGE, WE INSTITUTED AN URGENT INVESTIGATION INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THIS INCIDENT.

C. UNDERSECRETARY SENT A MESSAGE TO US COMMANDER IN EUROPE, GENERAL HAIG, STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE RESPONSE. AS SOON AS WE HAVE INVESTIGATED, WE WILL RESPOND AS FULLY AS POSSIBLE.

D. IF A VIOLATION OCCURED, IT WAS INADVERTENT. THERE WAS NO EVIL MOTIVATION AND THERE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN ANY EVIL MOTIVATION BEHIND THIS INCIDENT.

E. VERY FRANKLY, WE SEE NO REASON WHY THIS SHOULD INTERFERE WITH THE EXCELLENT RELATIONS WE ARE ENJOYING WITH YUGOSLAVIA.

;3. BELOV KI ASKED WHY THE QUOTE IF UNQUOTE (SEE PARA 2 D ABOVE). UNDERSECRETARY REPLIED THAT WE DID NOT KNOW
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WHETHER A VIOLATION HAD OCCURED UNTIL THE INVESTIGATION WAS COMPLETED. HE SAID HE WAS NOT REJECTING THE YUGOSLAV PROTEST AND WAS TAKING IT VERY SERIOUSLY. HE STRESSED THAT EVEN AT THIS STAGE HE COULD SAY THAT IN THIS INCIDENT THERE COULD BE NO MOTIVATION DESIGNED TO INTERFERE WITH OUR RELATIONS. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT A PROMPT REPLY BY US WOULD MAKE IT UNNECESSARY TO GO TO THE HIGHEST LEVELS. HE SAID WE WILL RESPOND IN AS MUCH DETAIL AS POSSIBLE GIVING ALL THE AVAILABLE FACTS.

4. BELOVSKI REPEATED THAT SUCH VIOLATIONS GO TO THE VERY NERVE OF YUGOSLAVIA. UNDERSECRETARY REPLIED THAT AMBASSADOR EAGLEBURGER HAD REPORTED THIS CLEARLY IN HIS MESSAGE. BELOVSKI URGED THAT THIS MATTER BE CLEARED UP QUICKLY AND UNDERSECRETARY AGREED. VANCE

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